

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 694
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lewis Frederick Preston
of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Lewis Frederick Preston; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Frederick Preston was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis Preston served with acumen and alacrity as a pediatrician for many years, in which position he earned the respect of the members of his community for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an astute and talented physician, Dr. Preston moved from the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during the Manhattan Project; and

WHEREAS, one of the first doctors to practice in Oak Ridge, Dr. Preston founded the Children's Clinic in 1959 and later opened the Oak Ridge Pediatrics Clinic; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and talents to many worthy organizations, Lewis Preston was a member of numerous medical and civic organizations, and he attended Oak Ridge Hospital and Oak Ridge Hospital Foundation board meetings; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Lewis Preston received the Tennessee Pediatric Society Senior Pediatrician of the Year Award, a testament to his life of service to children in the field of medicine; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Dr. Lewis Preston was an active member of the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Dr. Preston always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Preston is survived by his loving wife, Beverly; seven children; eleven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Preston epitomized the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Preston leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Lewis Frederick Preston, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Preston.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.